

READING COMPREHENSION

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Topic: Entertainment | Skills: Reading, Vocabulary, Speaking

Read the text carefully. Then answer the questions on Page 2.

Plans for a Rainy Weekend

Mia and her cousin Alex wanted to spend Saturday at the beach. On Friday evening, they checked the weather. There was going to be heavy rain all day. They needed a different plan.

Alex wanted to go to the cinema, but Mia did not have much money. She looked at the town website and found a free art **exhibition** at the library. There was also a room where visitors could draw their own pictures.

They met at the library at eleven o'clock. First, they looked at paintings of **local** streets. Mia recognised the bakery near her home. Then they went to the drawing room. Alex drew a boat, and Mia drew her cat. A **volunteer** gave them paper and coloured pencils.

They spent two hours there. Afterwards, they ate the sandwiches they had brought from home. "We can visit the beach another day," said Alex. Mia agreed. Their cheap, dry day out was more fun than they expected.

Key vocabulary

exhibition - a collection of pictures or objects that people can visit

local - from or near the place where you live

volunteer - a person who helps without being paid

pencil - a tool used to write or draw, with a thin point inside

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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Answer in complete sentences. Use the text to help you.

1. Where did Mia and Alex first plan to go?

2. Why did they change their plan?

3. Why did Mia look for a free activity?

4. What place did Mia recognise in a painting?

5. What did Alex draw?

6. How long did they spend at the library?

Discuss with a partner

- What do you like to do on a rainy day?
- Where can you have a cheap day out near your home?

ANSWER KEY

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Suggested full-sentence answers. Accept equivalent answers with the same meaning.

1. Where did Mia and Alex first plan to go?

Mia and Alex first planned to go to the beach.

2. Why did they change their plan?

They changed their plan because there was going to be heavy rain.

3. Why did Mia look for a free activity?

Mia looked for a free activity because she did not have much money.

4. What place did Mia recognise in a painting?

Mia recognised the bakery near her home.

5. What did Alex draw?

Alex drew a boat.

6. How long did they spend at the library?

They spent two hours at the library.

Teaching notes

Read once for the main idea, then reread for evidence. Compare answers before discussing the two open questions.

Language and reading focus: Past simple; plans with going to; comparisons.

Text: Original fiction. Discussion questions have no fixed answers.